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WITH AND CONCERNING CHINA. 1894-1919.

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JAPAN AND CHINA.

Convention concerning the telegraph cable between Kwantung and Chefoo,
and the Japanese telegraph lines in Manchuria. *--October 12, 1908.

The undersigned, respectively duly authorised by the Governments
of Japan and China to adjust in a friendly manner and spirit of mutual
accommodation the questions of the submarine telegraph cable, between
the Province of Kwantung and Chefoo, and the Japanese telegraph lines
in Manchuria, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1.--A submarine cable will be laid by the Governments of
Japan and China between a point in the Kwantung Province and Chefoo.
Japan will lay and maintain the section of the submarine cable from
Kwantung to within 7½ miles of Chefoo and China will lay and maintain
the section of said cable from Chefoo to a point 7½ miles from Chefoo.
At said point the two sections of the cable shall be connected. The
Kwantung end shall be worked entirely by Japan and the Chefoo end by
China, but, in order to meet the special requirements of Japan, the
cable shall be connected up direct to the Japanese Post Office at
Chefoo during such sufficient time each working day as may be agreed
upon and such Post Office shall have the right to transmit over the
said cable from and to places under the direct control of the Japanese
telegraph system terminal Chefoo Japanese Government messages as well
as private terminal Chefoo telegrams, provided these latter be written
in Kana. Japan shall pay to China on such traffic a certain terminal

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fee to be agreed upon. The connecting line between the Chinese Chefoo Telegraph Office and the Japanese Post Office at Chefoo will be constructed and maintained by China. Japan engages to do all in her power to prevent the retransmission at Chefoo of traffic from or to any other part of China and she also undertakes, under the reserve of most favored nation treatment for the future, not to land submarine cables or to construct telegraph or telephone land-lines or to establish any kind of wireless communication in China, outside her leased or railway territories, without in every case first having obtained the consent of the Chinese Government. All details as to terminal and transit rates over the Chefoo-Kwantung cable shall be settled by a special agreement.

ARTICLE 2.--Japan undertakes immediately to hand over to China, against the payment of 50,000 Yen, all Japanese telegraph lines in Manchuria outside the railway territory. Japan is prepared to enter into negotiation with China with a view to coming to a certain arrangement concerning the Japanese telephone service in Manchuria outside the railway territory. Pending the conclusion of such an arrangement, Japan undertakes neither to extend her present telephone system in Manchuria without having first obtained the consent of the Chinese Government, nor to use her telephone lines for the transmission of telegrams in competition with the Chinese telegraph lines.

ARTICLE 3.--At open ports or treaty ports in Manchuria, which are in close proximity to the Japanese railway territory, namely at: Antung, Newchwang, Liacyang, Moukden, Teh-ling and Chang-chun, the Chinese Government agrees, for a period of fifteen years, to place one or two

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special telegraph wires from the said open ports or treaty ports to such railway territory at the exclusive disposal of the Japanese Government telegraph service. Such wire or wires shall be maintained in good order and condition by the Chinese Government up to the railway territory.

ARTICLE 4.--The special wire or wires mentioned in Article 3 shall be worked from the Chinese telegraph buildings by Japanese clerks in the employ of the Japanese Government, and the Chinese Government undertakes to provide, at a total yearly rent of 700 Mexican Dollars, suitable special offices and accommodations for this purpose, it being, however, understood that the said accommodations do not include dwelling quarters for the clerks.

ARTICLE 5.--The special wire or wires mentioned in Article 3 can only be used for the exchange of telegrams emanating from or destined to places under the direct control of the Japanese telegraph system.

ARTICLE 6.--At the open ports or treaty ports mentioned in Article 3 the Japanese telegraph Department will have its receiving office in the Chinese telegraph buildings and delivery of Japanese traffic shall be made by messengers wearing no special uniform.

ARTICLE 7.--The Japanese Government undertakes to pay to the Chinese Government an annual sum of three thousand Yen as a royalty on all messages forwarded over the Japanese Manchurian telegraph lines.

ARTICLE 8.--The present convention shall be confirmed by the two Governments concerned and shall be put into force when detailed agreements shall have been concluded with regard to the Chefoo-Kwantung

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cable and the Japanese Manchurian telegraph lines.

In witness whereof the undersigned have signed this agreement,

Done at Tokio in English in duplicate this 12th day of the month
of October, 1903.

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I, Hayashi, Kaoru, Chief of the Archives Section Japanese Foreign Office, hereby certify that the document hereto attached in English consisting of 2 pages and entitled "Convention concerning the telegraph cable between Kwantung and Chefoo, and the Japanese telegraph lines in Manchuria October 12, 1908" is an exact and true excerpt from "Treaties and Agreements with and Concerning China 1894-1910, MacMurray volume I, Manchu Period (1894-1911)," in the custody of Japanese Foreign Office.

Certified at Tokyo,
on this 18th day of March 1947.

(signed) K. HAYASHI
Signature of Official

Witness: K. URABE